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Title:

USE OF THROMBUS PRECURSOR

PROTEIN AND MONOCYTE

CHEMOATTRACTANT PROTEIN

AS DIAGNOSTIC AND

PROGNOSTIC INDICATORS IN

VASCULAR DISEASES

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Enclosed are:

- [X]Specification, Claim(s), and Abstract (91 pages).
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